



From : Joe Dorward
Sent : 11 January 2013
To : David Frew
Subject : Unanswered Emails

David,

To be clear - there is no nastiness in the following and none should be inferred.

At our meeting at Mar Lodge in September 2012 we agreed that exchanging views by email - apart from the obvious risk of misunderstandings and mis-inferences (which I think our recent exchange has shown to be the case) - it's not a good use of our time. If you'd responded to my earlier emails in some manner we wouldn't be wasting our time with this exchange now.

It's self-evident that you are free decline to answer any of my questions for any reason, but declining is not the same not responding. My primary intent is to document the history of the upland of Mar and I see myself in the dual role of historian and journalist. I am interested in the details of who, why, where, what, when etc. of everything that has happened, is happening, or will happen in the area. Much of what happened is lost, but what is happening or will happen can still be recorded. I do understand your reluctance to fully answer my questions and why you think I ask for "information relating to individuals, which will serve no

constructive purpose if it appears publicly" but my intent is only journalistic.

I understand why you'd prefer that I share my criticisms privately with you, but (as I told you at Mar Lodge in September 2012) I am absolutely horrified by what has happened in the plantation at Inverey (for example) and I cannot see any way that I can agree to keep my horror of such discoveries private.

I take no offence at your suggestion of "cynicism and contempt", but I do not accept it either. I have been quite open about what I've done and why. If I were cynical and contemptuous I'd hide behind a pseudonym and you'd not know my name - yet we've met face-to-face, I've listened to your views and accepted much of what you said.

Let's forget about "good faith" and "bad faith" - I only intended to say that you risk squandering the trust and presumed good-faith I have by not acknowledging or responding to my emails.

I don't doubt the good intentions of everyone at Mar Lodge Estate. My intention to pressure you to stop (as I see it) diminishing the wild quality of the 'wild land' is in the open. To be clear - I have no nasty personal intentions towards anyone at Mar Lodge Estate. I just want to report the facts of what happens.

I'll stop there ... let's not continue this exchange by email.

Joe